

I respectfully urge you to reject the National Association of Broadcasters (NBA) petition 04-160.

I frequently am required to drive through the northeast section of the country. Particularly in the Washington, DC, Baltimore, and Philadelphia areas. Having XM Satellite Radio's instant weather and traffic available continuously while I am travelling helps me avoid traffic trouble spots and makes my travel safer and less stressful. I have tried to find the traffic reports on the local channels throughout these areas but, find it difficult because this service is provided sporadically. Different stations provide these reports at different time intervals and at different levels of detail. Unless you are from the local area and know which broadcasters provide these reports and when it is difficult to get a comprehensive traffic and weather report. I have found the XM broadcasts extremely useful as they are continuous and very detailed.

Again, I urge you to reject NAB petition 04-160. Without these services I receive from XM radio I believe my travels would be less safe and much more stressful as I chase the elusive traffic and weather reports on the local channels.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very Respectfully.

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